

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY MEETING
June 14-15, 2005
Sacramento, California

TUESDAY, JUNE 14		
Morning Session		
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome & Logistics	Andrée DuVarney National Environmental Coordinator Ecological Sciences Division
8:15 – 8:45	A Vision for the Future	Chief Bruce Knight (invited)
8:45 – 9:15	Partners Visions for NRCS	David Gagner (invited) Special Assistant to the Chief
9:15 – 10:00	Regional Assistant Chiefs’ Perspectives on Key Regional Environmental Issues	Sara Braasch, West (invited) Merlin Bartz, Central (invited) Dick Coombe, East (invited)
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK	
10:15 – 10:45	The Environmental Evaluation—Where Science and Technology Meets Programs	Larry Clark (invited) Deputy Chief, Science and Technology
10:45 – 11:30	Meet the National Technology Support Centers—Their Roles and How to Request Assistance	To be determined
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH	
Afternoon Session		
12:30 – 1:00	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Update—Where it all comes together	Andrée DuVarney National Environmental Coordinator Ecological Sciences Division
1:00 – 1:30	National Historic Preservation Act(NHPA)/Cultural Resources Update	Sarah Bridges Nat’l Cultural Resources Specialist Ecological Sciences Division
1:30 – 2:30	National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Cultural Resources: Making it Work on the Ground	Panel: (To be determined)
2:30 – 3:00	BREAK	
3:00 – 3:30	Invasive Species Update—Policy, Practice Standards	Doug Holy National Invasive Species Specialist Ecological Sciences Division
3:30 – 4:15	Invasive Species—Winning the Fight in the Field	Panel: (To be determined)
4:15 – 4:45	Endangered Species Act (ESA)—What’s New	Howard Hankin National Aquatic Ecologist Ecological Sciences Division
4:45 – 5:15	Presentations—NRCS Environmental Compliance Awards	Chief Bruce Knight (invited)

Optional Evening Breakout Sessions:

7:30 – 8:30 pm Conservation Security Program (CSP)—NEPA, Moderator: (To be determined)
 ESA, NHPA, and Fish & Wildlife Considerations

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15		
Morning Session		
7:30 – 9:00	ESA Programmatic Consultation—Is it Worth the Investment?	Howard Hankin, Moderator National Aquatic Ecologist Ecological Sciences Division Panelists: (To be determined)
9:00 – 9:45	Wetlands Technical Assistance, Swampbuster and 404 Permitting—Applying Them Correctly	Jennifer McCarthy (invited) Wetland Compliance Specialist Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance Division Chris Hamilton (invited) Wetland Specialist Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance Division
9:45 – 10:00	BREAK	
10:00 – 11:30	Working Together to Get Landscape and Watershed Planning Right the First Time (NEPA and Tribal, Cultural Resource and Endangered Species Consultations)	Panel: (To be determined)
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH	
Afternoon Session		
12:30 – 1:45	Landowner Assurances—Candidate Conservation and Safe Harbor Agreements	Nancy Green (invited) Branch Chief, Candidate Conservation, Division of Conservation and Classification, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior NRCS Participants: (To be determined)
1:45 – 3:00	Reporting Accomplishments—Performance Reporting, CSGs, CPPE	(To be determined)
3:00 – 3:30	BREAK	
3:30 – 4:30	Regional Breakouts—Identifying Needs and Action Items	Moderator (To be determined)
4:30 – 5:00	Breakout Summary	Moderator (To be determined)

Optional Evening Breakout Sessions:

<p>7:00 p.m. -8:30 a.m. Animal Feeding Operation (AFO)/Combined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)— Permitting Rules Coastal Issues</p>	<p>Moderator: (To be determined)</p>
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NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE WORKSHOP
June 16 and 17, 2005
Sacramento, California

THURSDAY, JUNE 16		
Morning Session		
7:30 – 8:00	NRCS Fish, Wildlife and Wetlands Action Plan	Randall Gray National Wildlife Biologist Ecological Sciences Division
8:00 – 8:45	State Wildlife Strategic Plans	International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
8:45 – 9:45	The National Biology Handbook as a Tool for Conservation Planning	Kathryn Boyer Fisheries Biologist West NTSC
9:45 – 10:15	BREAK	
10:15 – 11:15	Understanding the Landscape—Train the Trainer	Wendell Gilgert Wildlife Biologist West NTSC
11:15 – 11:45	Early Successional Habitat: Its Importance and Management for Upland Birds and other Wildlife	Wes Burger Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Mississippi State University
11:45 – 1:00	LUNCH	
Afternoon Session		
1:00 – 2:30	Early Successional Habitat (continued)	Wes Burger Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Mississippi State University
2:30 – 3:00	BREAK	
3:00 – 4:30	Tools for Aquatic Habitat Conservation and Future Technology Needs	Kathryn Boyer Fisheries Biologist West NTSC
4:30 - 5:00	Population Trend Estimator	Steve Brady Biologist West NTSC

FRIDAY, JUNE 17		
7:00 am – 3:00 pm	Field Trip to Colusa County—Wetland Restoration Techniques	Coordinator (To be determined)